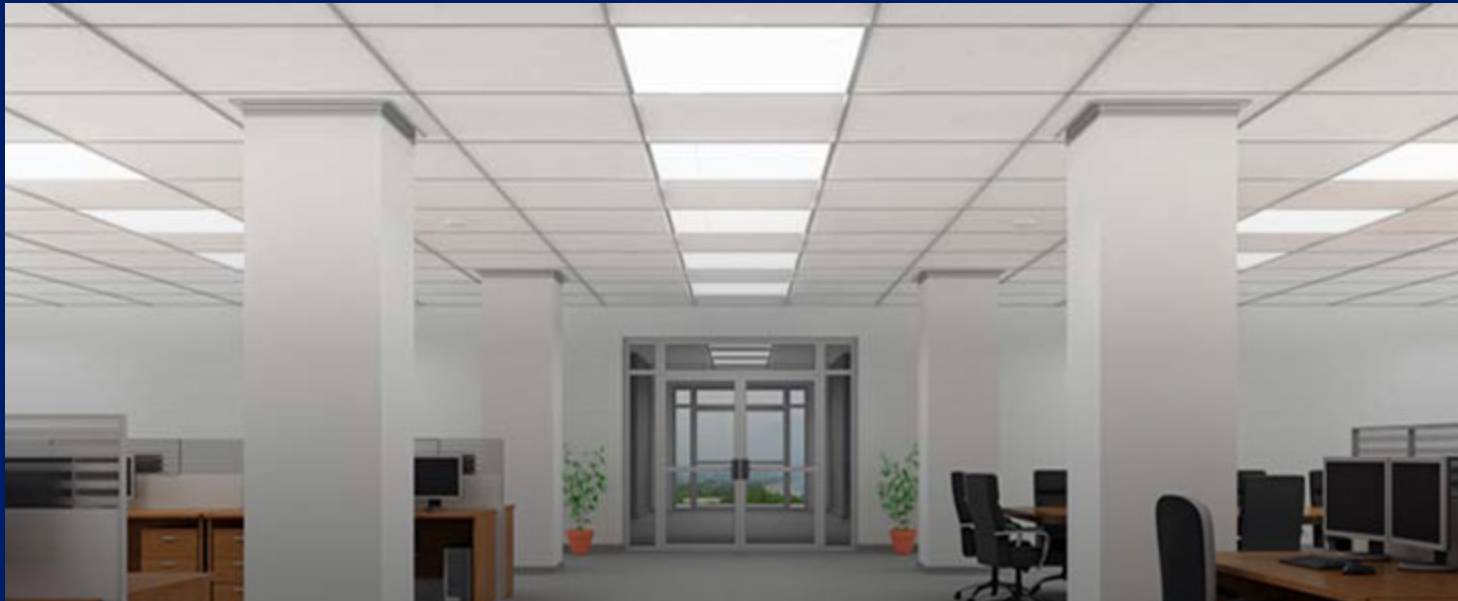


# **Interchangeability, Upgrade-ability, Modularity**

## **Key factors for LED implementation in the commercial ambient lighting market**



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## Overview

- Lack of interchangeability and upgrade-ability in the LED world is a challenge for the commercial ambient lighting market
- LED fixture manufacturers are turning toward modular, interchangeable and cross-compatible designs
- Trying to adapt existing form factors and connectivity methods is not always the best solution
- Zaga specifications are a vehicle for ensuring interchangeability and compatibility
- Cooperation and standardization among product manufacturers will become more prevalent

# A Clash Of Two Paradigms

**We are experiencing the interaction of two monolithic industries – the lighting industry and the electronics industry**

**These industries have very different modes of operation and very different sets of customer expectations**

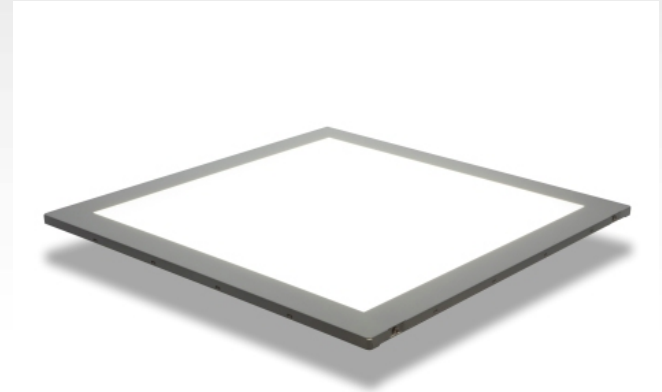
**Both industries will change as a result**

## In A Nutshell

**The Industry That  
Gives Us This:**



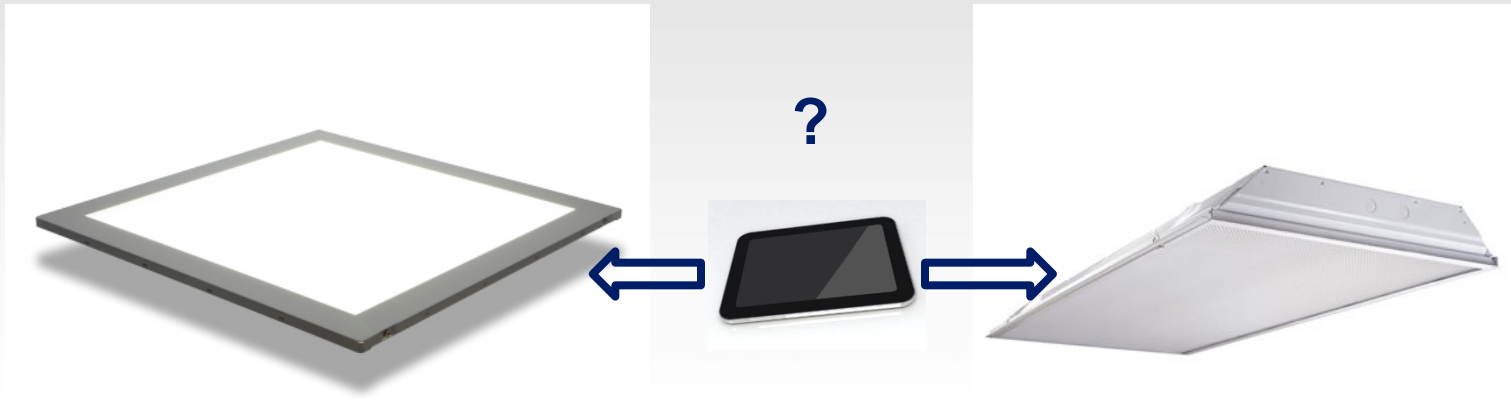
**Now Gives Us This:**



**But We Still Think It's  
This:**



## How Is The Electronics Industry Influence Different, And How Is It Changing Us?

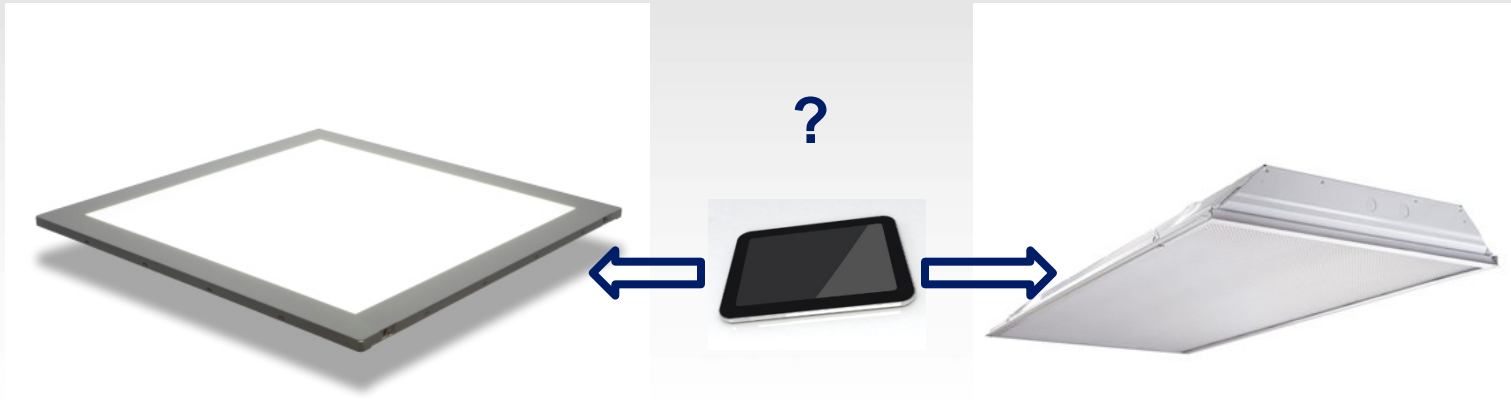


### 1. Non-Modular

## We Misinterpreted The Lack of Modularity



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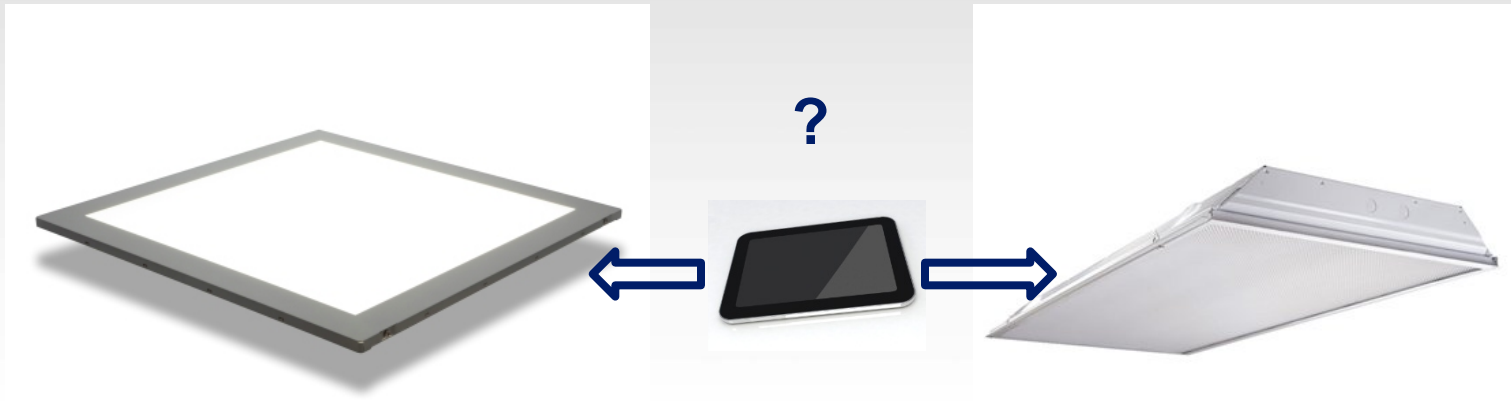
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# I Already Have A Controller!





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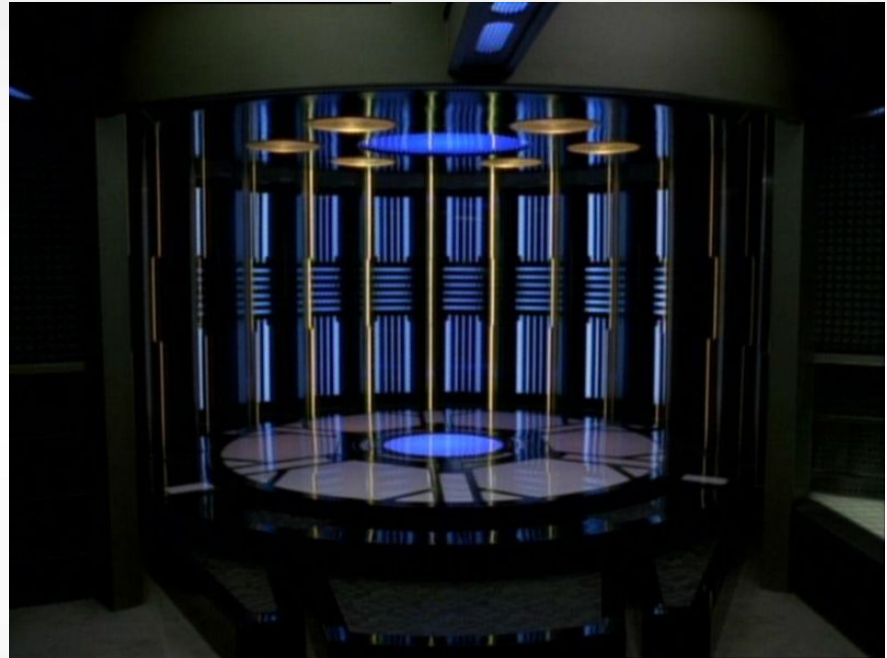
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## Expected Obsolescence

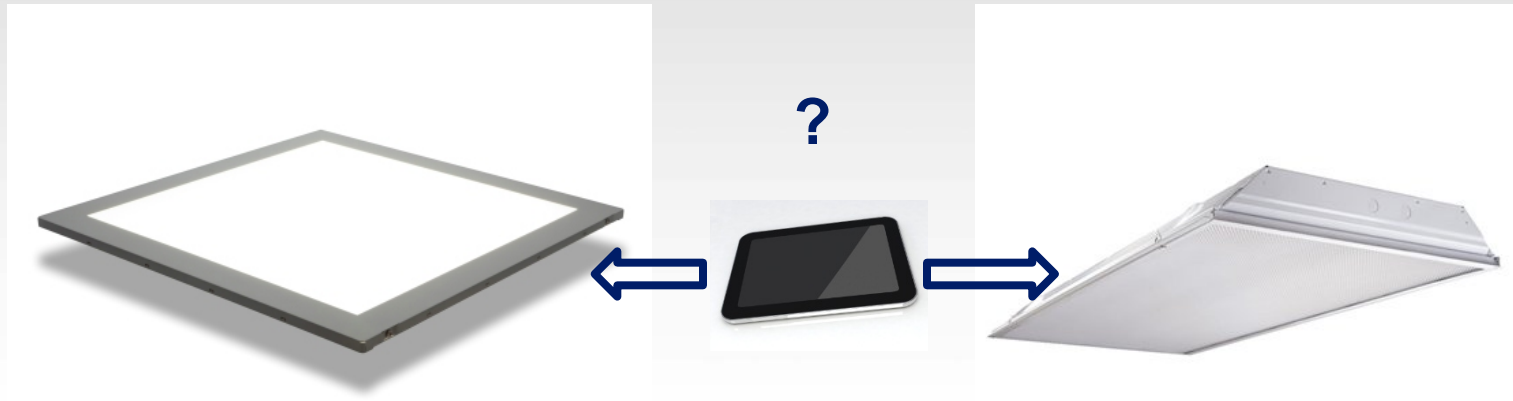
**2012 Model**



**2015 Model**



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- 1. Non-Modular**
- 2. Control Parameters Specific To Device**
- 3. Intended/Expected Obsolescence**
- 4. Disruptive Influence on Sales Channel**

## Which Store Sells You the iPad, and Which Sells You The Lighting Fixture?



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## What's out there....

- **Grid-layout troffers**
- **Pendant-style fluorescents**
- **Standard recessed downlighting**



# The Challenge

**LED or conventional lighting?**

**It's no longer about cost**

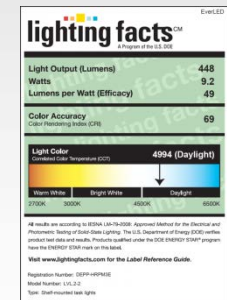
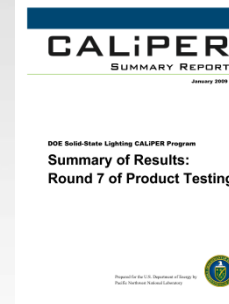
**What are the non-cost barriers to market acceptance?**



## LED implementation in the commercial ambient space

### Barriers/Challenges

1. Conflicting/confusing information
2. Unproven claims
3. Inability to interchange products
4. Fear of Obsolescence



## The Building Manager's Nightmare

Can you send me a replacement for that LED fixture you sold me last year?

Sorry, we don't carry that one anymore. It's obsolete.





## Interchangeability and Intercompatibility

**In the lighting industry, we've always taken it for granted.**

**But without it can we:**

- **Upgrade products?**
- **Source replacement parts?**
- **Interconnect different parts of a system?**
- **Merge old technology with new technology?**



## Enter The Zhaga Consortium



**Zhaga makes LED light sources interchangeable**



## Example 1 – Recessed Downlighting



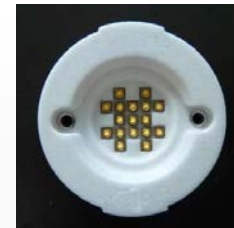
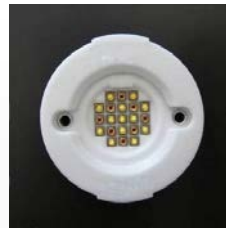
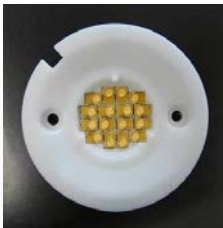
Heat management is critical



## The Zhaga Consortium



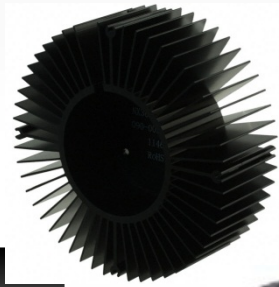
- **The main parameters are:**
  - Mechanical and thermal fit with the heat sink
  - Size of the light emitting surface
  - Height of the light-emitting surface
  - Photometric properties of the light emitting surface



## The Zhaga Consortium



- **Interchangeability allows the fixture designer to create a modular system choosing components from multiple sources**



**The fact that products are made to be interchangeable does not mean that everyone will build the same thing.**



## The endgame....



### For Manufacturers –

- **Manufacturers can design components and subsystems to interact effectively with other Zhaga certified products to create highly effective and versatile working systems**

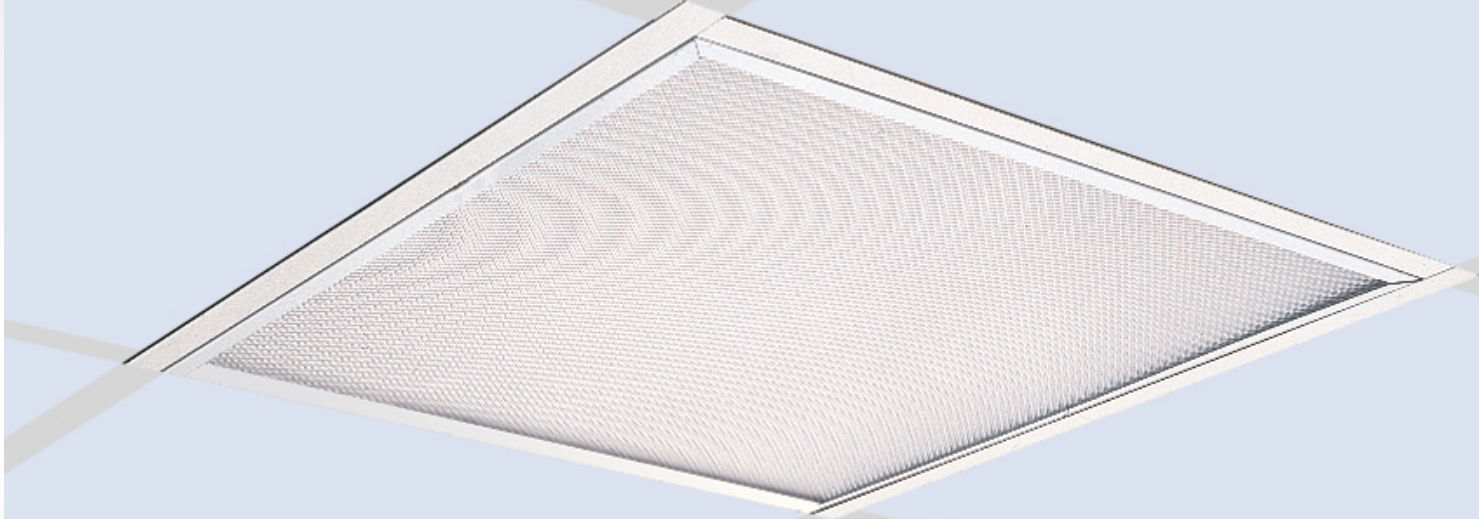
### For End-users

- **Users of Zhaga-certified products can be confident that those products will perform properly when used with other Zhaga-certified products regardless of manufacturer**



## LED Solutions for Troffers

The market need:



Commercial building managers, architects and specifiers are looking to implement LED lighting into traditional 2FT by 4FT (600mm x 1200mm) or 2FT by 2FT (600mm x 600mm) ceiling fixtures.



## LED Solutions for Troffers

First solution: “T-LED” tubes which approximate the shape of a T8 linear fluorescent tube, but use LEDs instead –

### Advantages:

- Utilizes existing lamp bases and lamp form factors

### Drawbacks:

- Possible safety issues resulting from direct branch circuit connection through fluorescent lampholders
- Insufficient light output
- “Point source” esthetic
- Limited directionality of light output
- Short lamp life due to embedded drivers
- Drivers and lamps not independently serviceable
- Not dimmable



## LED Solutions for Troffers

### Second Solution: Full panel LED fixtures

#### Advantages:

- Drop-in installation
- One-piece construction

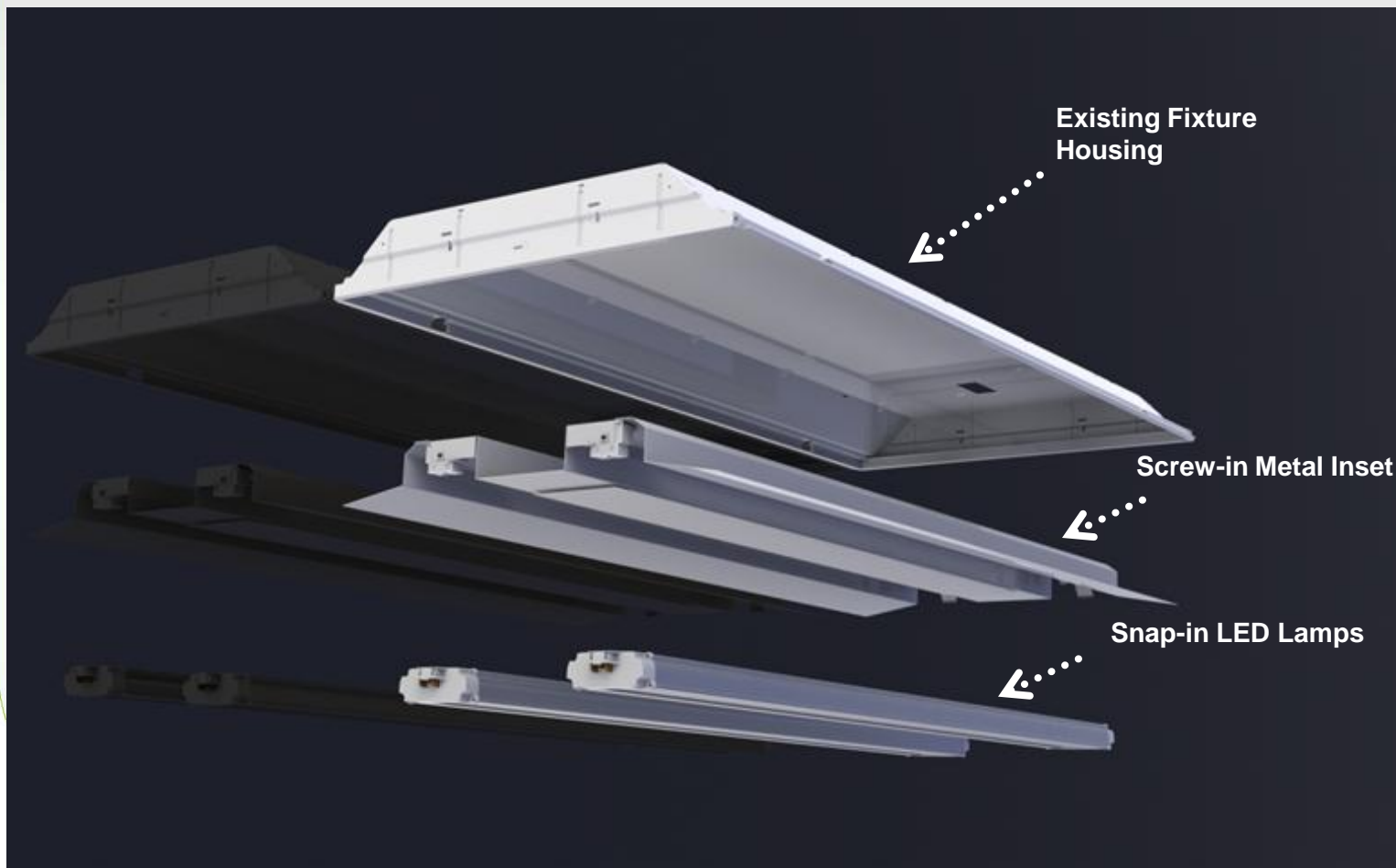
#### Drawbacks:

- cannot be installed in existing fixtures
- not-upgradable
- many are not user serviceable



## LED Solutions for Troffers

### Modular Solution: Troffer Retrofit System



Existing Fixture  
Housing

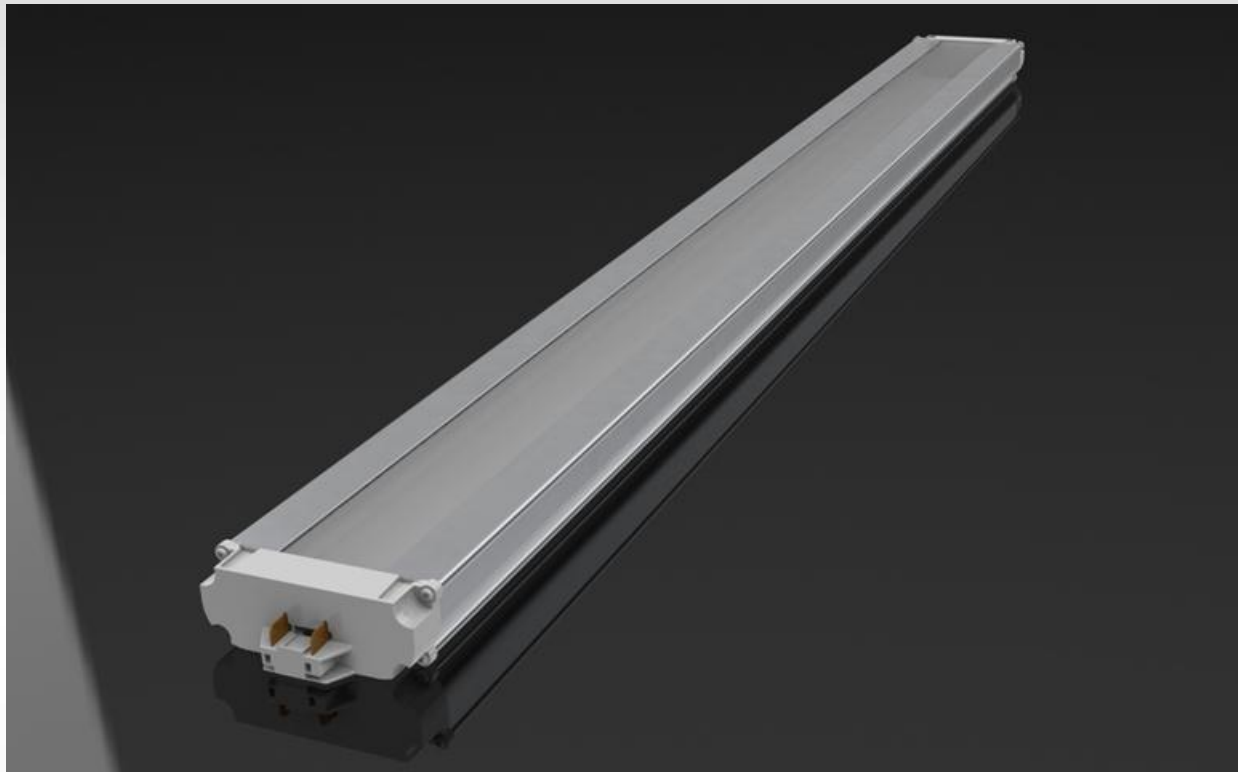
Screw-in Metal Inset

Snap-in LED Lamps

Metal inset  
attaches  
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Can in-  
corporate  
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## Troffer retrofit



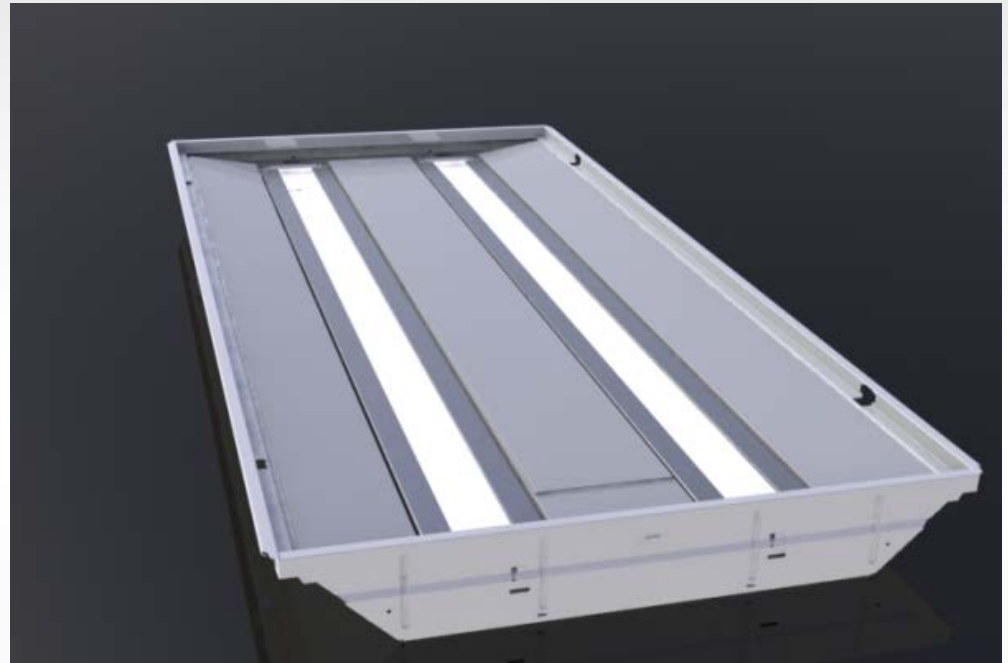
**Snap-in modular LED lamp provides higher lumen output using indirect light**

**Easily replaceable/upgradable**

**Can be adapted to strips and/or pendants**

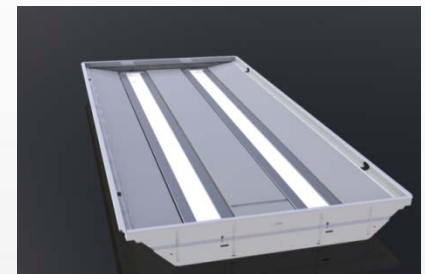
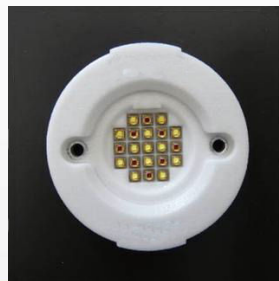
## Troffer retrofit system – installed view

- Installs into existing 2X2 and 2X4 fixtures.
- Extremely simple installation – pre-wired, can be completed in minutes
- Plug-in LED lamp modules with external drivers. Fully upgradable, simple maintenance.
- Lumen output compatible with high-efficiency fluorescent lamps
- Indirect lighting provides uniform light distribution and clean appearance.
- Dimmable
- Safe and cost effective



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